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TAGS: OVIP, RP (MARCOS, MRS. IMELDA)

SUBJECT: HANDLING OF MRS. MARCOS PLANE AT U.S. ENTRY POINT

FOR HABIB

REF: STATE 270667

1. WE RECOGNIZE THAT DEPTOFF TECHNICALLY CORRECT IN SUGGESTING PROCEDURES OUTLINED REFTTEL FOR HANDLING CLEARANCE OF A PLANE AT HONOLULU. HOWEVER WE MOST DEFINITELY BELIEVE THAT TO APPLY THESE PROCEDURES TO MRS. MARCOS PLANE WOULD BE HIGHLY IMPOLITIC AND VERY ILLTIMED.
2. PRESIDENT FORD AND HIS PREADVANCE TEAM EXPECTED HERE SHORTLY AND IT SHOULD HARDLY BE NECESSARY TO REMIND THAT GOP REGULARLY GIVES PLANSIDE CLEARANCES FOR OUR VIPS AND QUASI-VIPS WITHOUT DISTINCTION AS TO RANK OR POSITION.
3. STANDARD RIGOROUS AND TIME CONSUMING CLEARANCE PROCEDURES WOULD INEVITABLY BE VIEWED BY FILIPINOS AS AN AFFRONT TO THEIR FIRST LADY AND A SHAKEDOWN OF

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HER PARTY. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT WISH TO INVITE TIT

FOR TAT RESPONSE HERE. STRICT CLEARANCE OF MRS. MARCOS PARTY, EVEN IF IT EXCLUDES A FEW NOTABLES, WOULD HIGHLY EMBARRASS MRS. MARCOS AND HER HUSBAND THE PRESIDENT ON WHOSE BUSINESS SHE IS TRAVELING.

4. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT STRICT CONSTRUCTION OF OUR IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO SEVERELY UPSET THE MARCOSES ON EVE OF PRESIDENT FORD VISIT HERE.

5. STRONGLY RECOMMEND MRS. MARCOS PARTY BE GIVEN PLANESIDE CLEARANCE. SULLIVAN

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